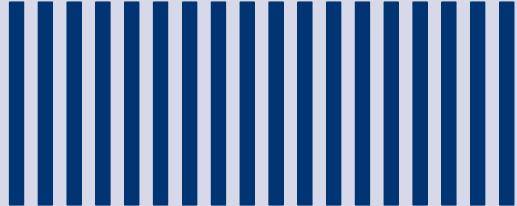


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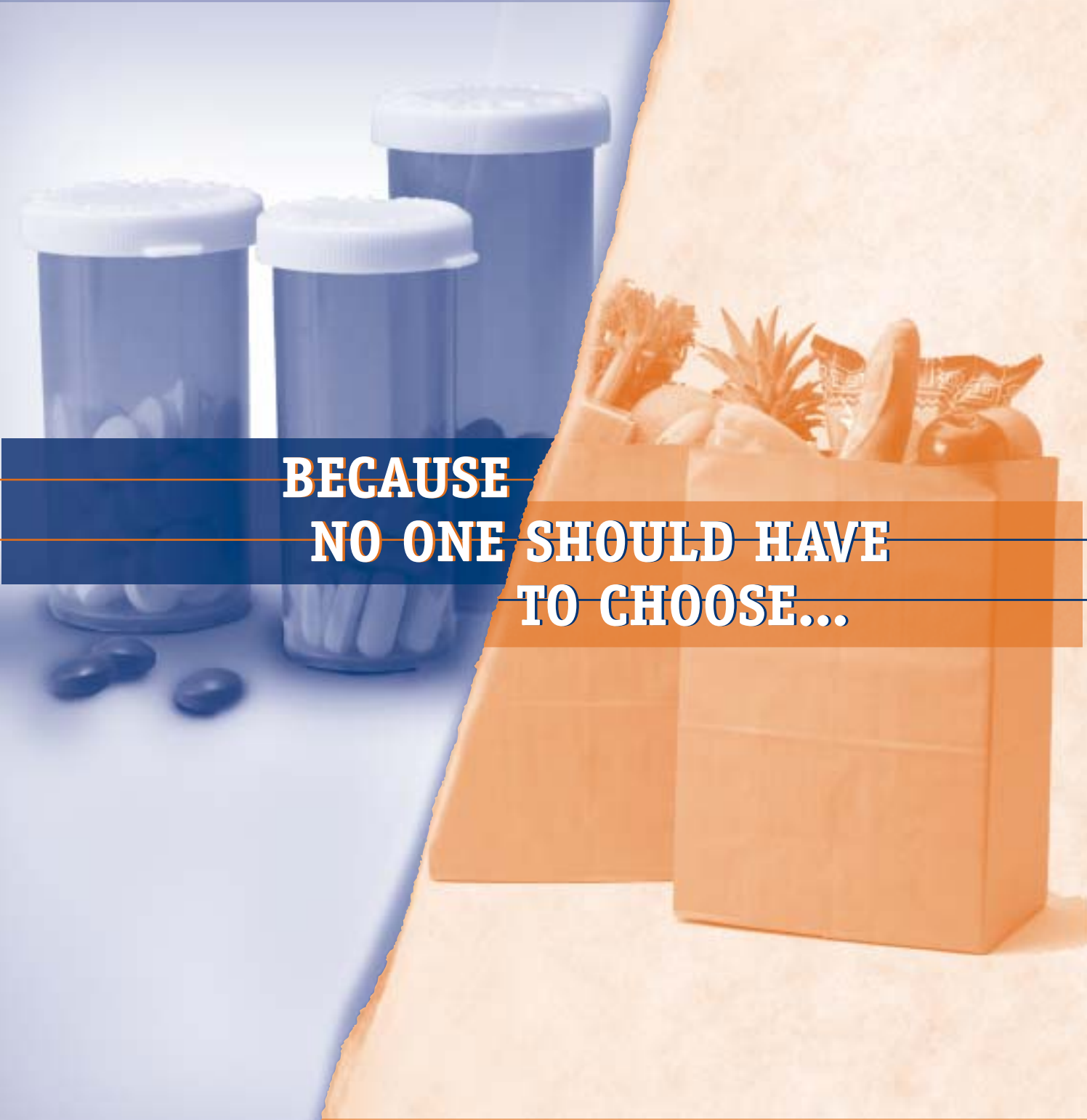
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CONGRESSWOMAN DARLENE HOOLEY IS FIGHTING TO REDUCE THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Long before
it was front

page news, Congresswoman
Darlene Hooley was leading
the fight in Congress to make
prescription drugs more
affordable so every Oregon
senior has access to life-
saving and life-enhancing
medications at a
reasonable cost.

THE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BILL: MORE HARM THAN GOOD

Darlene Hooley believes we can and must do better than the recently passed Medicare prescription drug bill, which sounds good but provides less coverage at a higher cost for most seniors. She voted against H.R. 1, the Medicare Modernization Bill, because it:

DOES NOT PROTECT SENIORS FROM SKYROCKETING DRUG COSTS

- Specifically prohibits the Medicare program from negotiating lower drug prices on behalf of seniors
- Bans re-importation of the same safe and effective drugs from abroad

PROVIDES LITTLE BENEFIT AT A VERY HIGH COST

- Requires seniors to pay for all drug costs between \$2250 and \$5100 per year
- Means that many seniors with employer-sponsored prescription coverage will lose it
- Eliminates medigap drug coverage

Congresswoman Hooley is fighting to right the wrongs of this legislation. She is working to ensure that seniors have a benefit that they can afford and are able to get the lowest possible prices for their life-saving prescription drugs.

PROTECTING RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS

Retirees have a right to expect that the coverage provided by their employers will be around when they need it. That's why Congresswoman Hooley co-sponsored the Emergency Retiree Health Benefits Protection Act of 2003 (H.R. 1322), which would provide emergency protections for retiree health benefits and prohibit group health plans from cutting retiree health benefits after retirement.

GIVING PATIENTS THE TOOLS TO SAVE MONEY

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley recently introduced H.R. 3677, the Prescription Drug Retail Price Disclosure Act. This bill requires pharmaceutical companies to print a drug's full retail price (before discounts, insurance, or public health benefit payments) on the label, which will shed light on the astronomical prices that people are currently paying for drugs and help them make informed decisions about their drug purchases.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT CONGRESSWOMAN DARLENE HOOLEY IS DOING TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE, VISIT WWW.HOUSE.GOV/HOOLEY



Congresswoman Hooley talks with Oregon residents at her "Stopping Senior Scams" workshop in Silverton.



CONGRESSWOMAN HOOLEY WANTS TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY

Which of the following changes to the new Medicare prescription drug law do you think is the most important to make now ?

- ☐ Ensure Medicare can negotiate better prices for beneficiaries' prescription drugs
- ☐ Allow re-importation of identical, cheaper drugs from countries like Canada
- ☐ Eliminate the gap in coverage where seniors must bear all costs of their prescriptions

Overall, do you believe the new Medicare law will help or hurt you and your family?

- ☐ Help
- ☐ Hurt
- ☐ No change

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